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Dear Tom:

Former Physics Today employee Jean Kumagai heard back from current  
Physics Today employee Toni Feder. Feder is quite busy at the moment.  
(The next day or two is when she would be finishing up her stories for  
the next issue of the magazine.) She probably won't return your call --  
but maybe she will talk to you if she is in when you call. I think it's  
worth a try.

Best wishes,

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Dear Tom:

Thank you for calling this morning and giving me the opportunity to help further in your investigation.

After we spoke, I called all three people that you mentioned -- Jean Kumagai, Paul Elliott and Rita Wehrenberg. Kumagai and Elliott have detailed, first-hand knowledge of the relevant issues and are extremely insightful. They are interested in justice and should be strong witnesses. They are prepared to cooperate fully with your investigation.

Wehrenberg, of course, being a current Physics Today employee, is a more difficult case. But I am optimistic. I had a long, friendly conversation with her, and she didn't show any fear of talking to me. Although she didn't say explicitly that she would talk to you, she showed no fear of the prospect of doing so.

I told her that you don't want much from her, perhaps only that she confirm the story of how supervisor Benka saw the Chronicle of Higher Education article. She seemed comfortable with that. She still feels that my dismissal is in some part her fault, because she showed Benka the article and then he fired me. I told her again that it isn't in any way her fault. Please tell her that I don't believe that my dismissal is in any way her fault.

I told her that you were conducting a federal investigation and that it would be illegal for the company to discourage cooperation in any way. I asked her to report to me or to you any such discouragement.

I didn't try to explain to her the confidentiality terms. Rather, I told her that you would explain that.

I'm not sure she will want to come in to your office and make a formal statement. I suggest that you get the information you need over the phone before you even mention the possibility of putting it in a formal statement.

It is very important that you call Wehrenberg at home and not at work. Also, if she isn't home when you call, I suggest that you not leave a message, but just call back later or on another day. I think she reports to work early, and so she may be home before your work day ends.

Good luck and thank you again for your diligence.

Jeff